MAC DIVOT

BEAUTIFUL, SANDY! IT'S SHOTS SUCH AS THAT WHICH SELL GOLF CLUBS!
EVERYBODY ON THE TOUR HITS GREAT SHOTS! THE OBJECT IS HITTING THEM OFTEN ENOUGH TO WIN!
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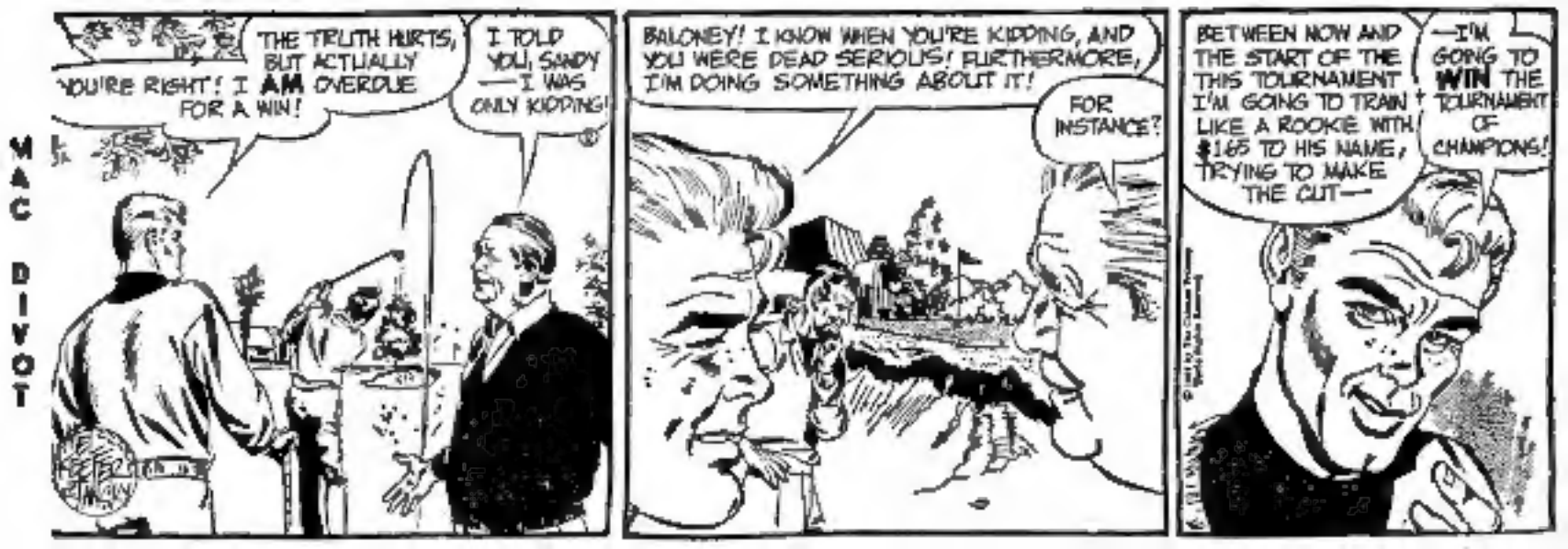
MEL KEEFER J. ANCH
YOU TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING?
NOTHING YOU DON'T KNOW. FOR INSTANCE, THE YEAR IS ONE-FOURTH GONE AND YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR VICTORY NUMBER ONE!
THAT'S IT, FRED BABY— ENCOURAGE ME!
AREN'T WE TOUCHY?! FORGET IT, SANDY. I WAS ONLY KIDDING!


MAC DIVOT
YOU'RE RIGHT! I AM OVERDUE FOR A WIN!
THE TRUTH HURTS, BUT ACTUALLY
I TOLD YOU, SANDY —I WAS ONLY KIDDING!
BALONEY! I KNOW WHEN YOU'RE KIDDING, AND YOU WERE DEAD SERIOUS! FURTHERMORE, I'M DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
FOR INSTANCE?
BETWEEN NOW AND THE START OF THE THIS TOURNAMENT I'M GOING TO TRAIN LIKE A ROOKIE WITH $165 TO HIS NAME, TRYING TO MAKE THE CUT—
—I'M GOING TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS!

MAC DIVOT

EARLY ARRIVALS AT THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS TAKE NOTE OF SANDY'S CONSIDERABLE PRACTICE SCHEDULE — ®

SAY, YOU'RE KIND OF SERIOUS, FELLA. A PERSON COULD GET THE IMPRESSION YOU PLAY GOLF FOR A LIVING!
PRACTICE NEVER HURT ANYONE!
THAT DEPENDS, WHEN YOU'RE DOING THE PRACTICING, I FIGURE IT CAN HURT ME PLENTY!
YOU MAYN'T SET YOUR HEART ON WINNING THIS LI'L OL' GET-TOGETHER, HAVE YOU, SANDY?
I'VE BEEN HITTING 500 BALLS A DAY, PLAYED THREE PRACTICE ROUNDS AND LOGGED ABOUT 6 HOURS OF PUTTING TIME. I'M NOT DOING ALL THAT FIGURING TO LOSE!
TELL ME — WHAT DO THEY PAY FOR SECOND PLACE AROUND HERE?

MAC DIVOT

SANDY'S ARDUOUS PREPARATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS LEADS TO A FAST START IN THE $100,000 EVENT—
ACCORDING TO MY FIGURES YOU MADE 67 AND I MADE 68! THAT'S PRETTY FANCY SHOOTING HERE AT THE D.I.—
—WHAT SAY WE HAVE AN EQUALLY FANCY DINNER AND THEN TAKE IN A STAGE SHOW? WE SHOULD CELEBRATE.
THANKS, BUT I'M HAVING DINNER IN MY ROOM AND HOPE TO BE SOUND ASLEEP BY TEN—
—I AIM TO DO SOME CELEBRATING, ALL RIGHT, BUT IT ISN'T GOING TO BE FOR 18 HOLES. IT'LL BE FOR 72!

MAC DIVOT

FOLLOWING AN OPENING 67, SANDY TAKES A ONE-SHOT LEAD INTO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS...
Whack!
...AND AFTER 9 HOLES OF ROUND TWO, THE PATTERN IS UNCHANGED—
8 UNDER AFTER 27 HOLES, MAC DIVOT IS ON FIRE!—
—I JUST WALKED 9 HOLES WITH SANDY AND HE MEANS BUSINESS.
YEAH, I HAVEN'T SEEN SUCH DETERMINATION SINCE PAT O'BRIEN MADE HIS LOCKER ROOM SPEECH IN THE MOVIE, "KNUTE ROCKNE, ALL-AMERICAN"!
PRESS TENT

MAC DIVOT

INSIDE THE PRESS TENT, A STAND-ING OVATION GREETS SANDY AT THE HALFWAY POINT OF THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS...
...67-68-135, YOUR LEADER, SANDY MACDIVOT!
36 HOLE LEADERS
...I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HIT 16 GREENS, MAKING 5 BIRDIES. MY BOGEY CAME ON THE 4TH WHERE I FLEW OVER THE GREEN AND NEEDED TWO PUTTS AFTER CHIPPING BACK LONG.
MY FIRST BIRDIE CAME—
...WHERE TWO PRESS VETERANS EXCHANGE OBSERVATIONS—
SANDY LOOKS THE SAME AND TALKS THE SAME— BUT THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM.
MAN, THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT ANY-BODY WHO GOES TO BED AT 10 P.M. IN THIS TOWN!

MAC DIVOT

ROUND THREE OF THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. SANDY CONTINUES WITH NEAR ERRORLESS GOLF, HITTING FAIRWAYS AND GREENS WITH METHODICAL CONSISTENCY...
PUPP!
...AND ROLLING ENOUGH PUTTS TO CONTINUE HIS ASSAULT ON PAR—
THIS GUY IS WHIPPING YOUR GOLF COURSE PRETTY GOOD. IMAGINE MAKING 64 ON TOP OF 67 AND 68!
RIGHT NOW I LIKE SANDY'S CHANCES OF BEATING JERRY BARBER'S TOURNAMENT RECORD. THAT WAS 268, BACK IN 1960.
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP CLAP

MAC DIVOT
AT 199, IT UNDER PAR FOR 54 HOLES IN THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, SANDY ENJOYS A 6-SHOT BULGE OVER THE FIELD—
..SOUNDS LIKE FUN, PHIL, BUT I'VE GOT TO PASS. FACT IS, I'VE TOLD THE DESK I DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED AFTER 9 PM!
MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN...
IT WAS A LONG HAUL, BUT AH FINAHLY MADE IT. NOW T'FIND SANDY!
...WHILE AT THE SAME MOMENT—
THIS IS AS FAR AS I GO, BUDDY!
THIS HEAH'S FINE. AH SHORE APPRECIATE TH' LIFT.

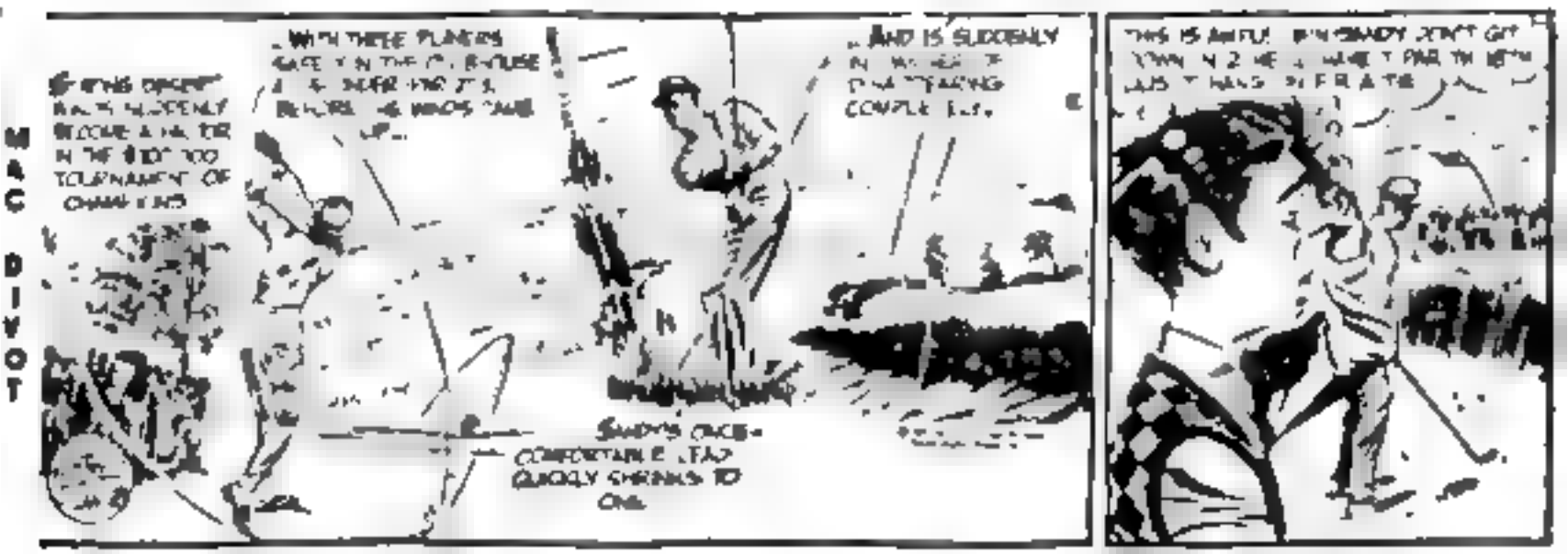
MAC DIVOT
AS SANDY ATTEMPTS TO PROTECT HIS LEAD IN THE TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS WITH A FULL NIGHT'S REST...
C'N YA'LL TELL ME WHAR SANDY MAC DIVOT IS BEDDED DOWN?
SORRY, I CAN'T GIVE YOU THAT INFORMATION.
...WHILE JUST A FEW FEET AWAY—
THIS HEAH IS LAFE COKER TALKIN'. C'N YA'LL CONNECT ME WIF SANDY MAC DIVOT, PLEASE?
SORRY, MR. MAC DIVOT LEFT ORDERS NOT TO RING HIS ROOM.
WHY DON'T YUH LOOK WHAR YUH'RE GOIN', COKER?! ANYHOW, WHY AIN'T YA'LL WIF YO'RE GOOD FRIEN', SANDY MAC DIVOT?!
WHY AIN'T YOU?!

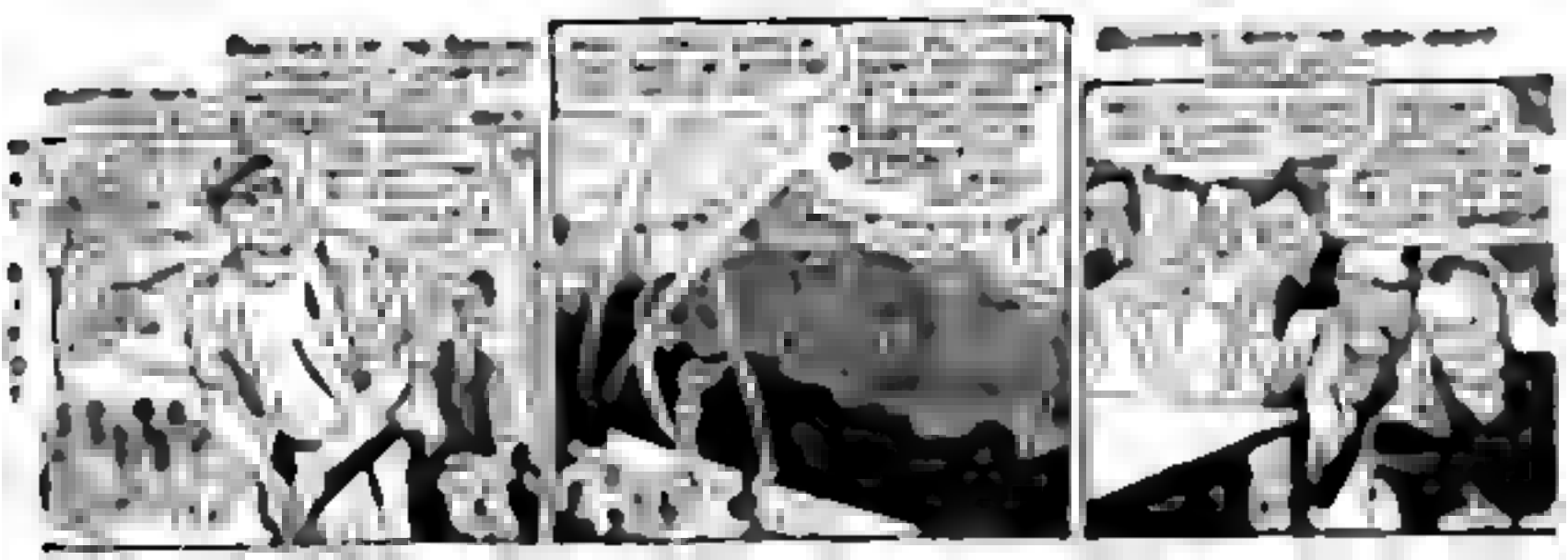
MAC DIVOT

IN THE FINAL ROUND OF THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS...
...AND LEADING THE FIELD AT 199, IT UNDER PAR— FROM ROLLING KNOLLS— SANDY MAC DIVOT!
...SANDY POSSESSES A 3-SHOT LEAD OVER AN OTHERWISE CLOSELY-PACKED FIELD—
WHACK
SANDY! OVAH HEAH, COUSIN! CAIN'T YUH SEE ME?!
?

WOW! WHAT AN IRON SHOT!
HE'S ON THIS RIVER IN TWO, PUTTING FOR AN EAGLE!
HOLY HANNIBAL!
—GETTIN' THROUGH THIS MESS IS LIKE TRYIN' TO GET THROUGH A HERD OF STAMPEDIN' LONGHORNS!
LOOK AT THE 9TH WATER HOLE OF THE 72-HOLE EVENT—
MY NEIGHBOR—WILL KNOW HOW MANY SHOTS HE DIDN'T DO!!
10 UNDER AND 4 SHOTS AHEAD. I DON'T SEE HOW ANYONE CAN CATCH HIM!
MAC DIVOT

WHY DIDN'T YOU CATCH ME AT THE MASTERS WHEN I WAS CLOSER TO YOUR HOME?
SHUCKS! AH TRIED TO
TRACK THAN MULIE DEER IN THICK, HIGH COUNTRY.


SUDDENLY BECOME A MASTER IN THE 83RD TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
WITH THESE PLAYERS GATHERED IN THE CLUBHOUSE AND NEVER KNOWING IF SOMEONE WILL BURST IN WITH NEWS OF A BIRDIE OR EAGLE...
AND IS SUDDENLY IN THE MIDST OF A NAIL-BITING COMPLETELY...
SANDY'S ONCE-CONFIDENT GRIN QUICKLY SHRINKS TO ONE
THIS IS AWFUL! I'M SURE I DON'T GET DOWN IN 2 HE'S GOING TO PAR THE 18TH JUST TO HAVE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE



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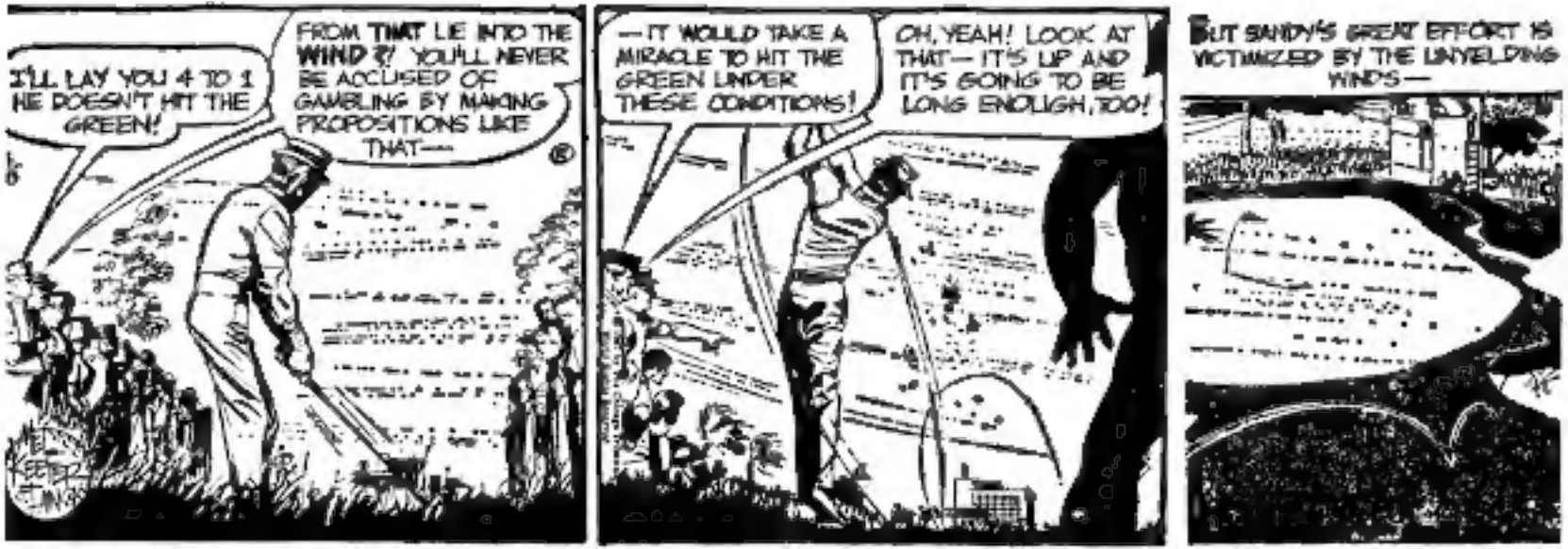
I'LL LAY YOU 4 TO 1 HE DOESN'T HIT THE GREEN!
FROM THAT LIE INTO THE WIND?! YOU'LL NEVER BE ACCUSED OF GAMBLING BY MAKING PROPOSITIONS LIKE THAT—
—IT WOULD TAKE A MIRACLE TO HIT THE GREEN UNDER THESE CONDITIONS!
OH, YEAH! LOOK AT THAT— IT'S UP AND IT'S GOING TO BE LONG ENOUGH, TOO!
BUT SANDY'S GREAT EFFORT IS VICTIMIZED BY THE UNYIELDING WINDS—

MAC DIVOT
...IT'S A WEARY-LOOKING SANDY MAC DIVOT, FOLKS, AND DESPITE LOSING A 4-SHOT LEAD ON THE WIND-SWEPT BACK NINE, HE MANAGES A WARM SMILE TO THE HUGE CROWD AROUND THE 18TH.
WITH THE WIND BLOWING HARDER THAN EVER, SANDY TAKES EXTRA PAINS IN WORKING HIS FEET WELL INTO THE SAND TO SECURE THE FIRMEST FOOTING POSSIBLE—
HOLY HAWGWALLOWS! DON'T TELL ME YORE STILL HANGIN' 'ROUND?!
HUSH UP, BALLEW! CAIN'T YUH SEE SANDY'S 'BOUT T' PLAY TH' MOST IMPORTANT SHOT O' TH' TOURNAMENT!?

MAC DIVOT

COME ON, WIND— SETTLE DOWN JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO GET A SWING AT THE BALL. THAT'S ALL I ASK!
IT'S A GOOD ONE!
"GOOD ONE" YOU SAY?—
—I'D SAY IT'S A GREAT ONE!!
PLOP!

MAC DIVOT

ROLLING OUT FROM THE SAND WITH A BIRDIE THREE ON THE 18TH...
...SANDY WINS THE $100,000 TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS WITH 16-UNDER PAR, 272-
SANDY, ON THE BACK NINE, YOU GAVE AWAY 4 SHOTS TO PAR AND THE LEAD, BUT YOU GOT THE BIRDIE THAT COUNTED!
IT WAS A SWEET 3- MAYBE THE SWEETEST I'VE EVER MADE!